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Prof. Dr. Willi Rinow, irector of the First Mathematics Institute of Greifswald University, was called to Greifswald in 1950 by Professor Dr. Hans Beyer the organic enomist, to assume the post of dean of the Institute of Mathematics and Datural Sciences. Beyor and Rinov were schoolmates and acquaintances of long standing. Rincy was considered by

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in the daily newspaper during the German-Soviet Friendship month that he had agreed to translate a Soviet mathematics publication into German.

However, as far as Source knows, Rinow was not politically active and did not belong to the SED. 3. Prof. Dr. Franz von Krbeck fifty-four years of age, was deputy director on the Institute. Politically, he was an absolute reactionary and not a Comnunist. Von Krbeck studied in Berlin, Goettingen, and Paris and for a long time was a member of the Schroedinger, von Neumann and Kudar circle. Like

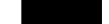
von Jeumann, Scillard, Polanyi and Kudar, von Krbeck was a German-Hungarian of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy. He was one of the few Germans with a command of the Hilbert-Raum theory of mathematics. Because of his extraordinary versatility, he was employed some time ago as a mathematician by a large bank in London and during the war was a journalist. Although not judged favorably by many of his clder German colleagues, he was greatly

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admired by von Hemmann 1/, Nevanlinns 2/, Hopff 3/, and Knooff 1/o. Von Krbeck recently published a book , together with several papers, on the mathematical treatment of the wave theory from the quantum mechanics point of view).

4. Heisenberg and von Laue did not think kindly of von Krbeck because he rejected Heisenberg's matrix mechanics as being mathematically inexact and because he criticized strongly the mantum mechanical views of heisenberg's assistant, von Feizenecker. Von Krbeck considered von Laue, as far as his views in quantum mechanics are concerned, as scientifically impossible.

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## Comments:

- 1/ von Neumann, professor of mathematics at Princeton University.
- 2/ Nevanlinma, mathematician in Melsinki and Duerich.
- 3/ Hopff, mathematician in Sucrich.
- 1/ Enopif, professor of mathematics at Buebingen University.

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